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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: SNAR, PA

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR CCINC FUNDS FOR NARCOTICS OPERATIONS IN PARAGUAY

- 1. WITH CONCURRENCE OF THE ENTIRE NARCOTICS COORDINATING COMMITTEE, THE EMBASSY REQUESTS ALLOCATION OF \$6,000.00 FOR FY 1975 FROM STATE CONTROLLED CCINC FUNDS FOR NARCOTICS OPERATIONS IN PARAGUAY. FUNDS ARE NEEDED TO SUPPLEMENT LIMITED FUNDS PRESENTLY AVAILABLE FROM DEA. IF ALLOCATED, THE FUNDS WOULD BE CONTROLLED BY THE DEA COUNTRY ATTACHE (SAIC) AND WOULD BE USED TO PROVIDE PER DIEM, TRANSPORTATION COSTS AND OTHER NECESSARY INVESTIGATIVE COSTS FOR PERSONNEL OF THE PARAGUAYAN NATIONAL NARCOTICS ADMINISTRATION (NNA) TO CONDUCT NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS.
- 2. DEA HAS SUPPLIED NNA WITH LIMITED FUNDS IN A FEW INSTANCES WHERE DEA WAS DIRECTLY CONCERNED, SUCH AS IN DEA ORIGINATED CASES, WHEN THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATIONS DEPENDED UPON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED FOR NNA TO INCREASE ITS NARCOTICS EFFORT. THE NNA HAS DEMONSTRATED A WILLINGNESS TO ACT UPON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY DEA, TO THE EXTENT THAT THEIR FUNDS ALLOW. BUT LACK OF FUNDS HAS SEVERELY HAMPERED THEIR EFFORTS TO INITIATE INVESTIGATIONS AND MOUNT EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS. GIVEN THE GOP'S BUDETARY SITUATION, WE HAVE NO REASON CONFIDENTIAL

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TO EXPECT THAT THE NECESSARY FUNDS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING

FROM THE GOP. IT IS THE OPINION OF THIS MISSION'S NARCOTICS COORDINATING COMMITTEE THAT ALLOCATION OF THE FUNDS REQUESTED IS ESSENTIAL TO THE EXPANSION OF THE GOP NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT ROLE.
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